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SUBJECT: HEAVY-LIFT HELICOPTERS FOR JORDAN

REF: AMMAN 0090

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. WE AGREE YOU SHOULD TAKE OPPORTUNITY AT YOUR MEETING TOMORROW WITH KING HUSSEIN TO WARN HIM AWAY FROM SOVIET HELICOPTER DEAL, DRAWING HIS ATTENTION TO SERIOUS IMPACT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT COULD HAVE ON U.S. CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC ATTITUDES. THESE ATTITUDES COULD AFFECT FUTURE U.S.-JORDANIAN RELATIONS IN GENERAL AND OUR LONGSTANDING AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP IN PARTICULAR. ALSO, WE WONDER WHETHER HUSSEIN WOULD WANT INTRODUCTION IN JORDAN OF SOVIET MILITARY TRAINERS

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OR SUPPORT PERSONNEL, WITH ALL THAT THIS WOULD ENTAIL.

2. IN ADDITION, YOU MAY INFORM HUSSEIN THAT APPROACHES BY BOTH SIKORSKY AND BOEING TO DEPT'S OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL (MC) RE POSSIBILITY OF COMMERCIAL SALE OF 20 HEAVY-LIFT HELICOPTERS TO JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES ARE RECEIVING CAREFUL AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION WITHIN USG. IF KING RAISES POSSIBILITY OF OUR PROVIDING

HEAVY-LIFT HELICOPTERS TO JORDAN UNDER FMS SALE OR CREDIT PROGRAMS, YOU SHOULD SAY WE HAVE NEVER EXAMINED THIS POSSIBILITY SINCE HERETOFORE PROCUREMENT HAS ONLY BEEN DISCUSSED ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS, BUT THAT WE ARE PREPARED -- IF HE WISHES -- TO LOOK INTO IT IN CONJUNCTION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION MEETINGS.

3. YOU ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED TO MENTION TO KING THAT DURING YOUR RECENT CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON YOU FOUND CONSIDERABLE CONCERN WITHIN USG ABOUT THE STRAINS ALREADY BEING PLACED ON JAF'S HUMAN AND TECHNICAL RESOURCES BY RECENT ACQUISITIONS AND PURCHASES OF ADVANCED U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND CONSEQUENTLY ABOUT JAF'S ABILITY TO ABSORB FURTHER QUANTITIES OF SUCH EQUIPMENT. YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE ARE NOT YET READY TO APPROACH GOJ WITH FORMAL SUGGESTIONS ABOUT FURTHER JOINT STUDY OF THIS SUBJECT, BUT THAT WE MAY DO SO IN NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE AND THAT WE HOPE HIS MAJESTY WILL ALSO GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO THIS PROBLEM IN THE MEANTIME. YOU SHOULD STRESS, OF COURSE, THAT ANY CONCLUSIONS THAT WE AND GOJ MIGHT JOINTLY ARRIVE AT AS RESULT OF SUCH A COOPERATIVE STUDY WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE SOME IMPACT ON FUTURE DECISIONS BY BOTH GOVTS RELATING TO SALE TO JORDAN OF HEAVY-LIFT HELICOPTERS, PROVISION OF OTHER ADVANCED WEAPONS SYSTEMS, AND WHAT WE ENVISAGE RE OVERALL LEVELS OF U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO JORDAN IN YEARS AHEAD. KISSINGER

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